

two nations' to a reality as was asserted to by two leaders Deendayal and Lohia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) We have welcomed the historic Summit meeting between the leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea held in Pyongyang in June, 2000 at which they agreed, inter-alia, to promote peaceful unification through the joint efforts of the Korean people and to resolve humanitarian issues, such as exchange of visits by separated family members and relatives. We have consistently advocated that all differences between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea should be resolved by peaceful means through dialogue.

(c) No, Sir.

Discussion in European Union-India Summit

2102. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of issues discussed in European Union-India Summit in Lisbon;

(b) whether the issues related to anti-dumping, anti-subsidy investigations and differences on steel export by India, were also discussed;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the trade with European Union would increase after this Summit;

(e) if so, the extent thereof;

(f) whether European Union has given any assurance for positive solution for the issues mentioned in part (b); and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

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RAJYA SABHA

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The discussions at the India-EU Summit held in Lisbon on June 28, 2000 allowed for a review of bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of mutual concern. It was agreed that India and the EU will forge a new partnership in the 21st century. The India-EU Summit Declaration provides a blueprint for upgrading the relationship to a qualitatively higher level. An Agenda for Action which encompasses joint initiatives in the political, commercial and economic fields was also agreed upon.

(b), (c), (f) and (g) Issues related to anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations in various sectors, including steel, were discussed. Both sides expressed the view that it is essential to raise the level of bilateral trade and investment to its full potential. The India-EU Summit Joint Declaration makes specific reference to the need to consult each other on anticipated regulatory and other measures affecting the flow of trade with a view to resolving problems at an early stage. The Declaration lays the basis for expanded economic and trade co-operation.

(d) and (e) India and the EU are committed to an increase in bilateral trade to its full potential.

Governments view on Clinton-Putin Agreement

2103. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Clinton-Putin agree to destroy Plutonium, 2000", published in the Indian Express dated 5th June, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that the two leaders have failed to bridge the gap over Washington's proposal for a defence system to shield the two countries from missile attacks from third countries; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is not aware of a US proposal for a joint missile